

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA**

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COMMONWEALTH YOUTH GAMES
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the proposed Commonwealth Youth Games is likely to be held at Pune in October, 2008;
- (b) if so, the progress made so far in this regard;
- (c) whether the Government has received a proposal from Government of Maharashtra for grant of an amount of Rs. 110 crore for creating additional sports facilities;
- (d) if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard;
- (e) the present status of the above proposal; and
- (f) the time by which the requisite fund would be sanctioned?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATIRAJ, YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION
(SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

- (a) Yes, Sir. The Commonwealth Youth Games, a sub-event of the Commonwealth Games, 2010, will be held from the 12th to the 18th October, 2008 in Pune, Maharashtra.
- (b) All the Competition Venues and the Athletes Village for the Games will be located at the Shivchhatrapati Sports Complex. Work related to the development of sports infrastructure in this Complex started in February, 2007 and is expected to be completed by May 2008. A Statement showing the present status of the sports infrastructure work for each discipline of the Games has been placed at the Annexe.
- (c) to (f): The Government of Maharashtra had initially projected a budget of Rs. 192.50 crore for the creation/improvement of sports infrastructure in Pune for the Commonwealth Youth Games, 2008 which was later revised to Rs. 285.09 crore and further to Rs. 355.00 crore. An amount of Rs. 110.00 crore has been approved by the Planning Commission for the purpose, as Additional Central Assistance to the Govt. of Maharashtra under State Plan and has advised the Govt. of Maharashtra to meet the additional costs out of their considerably enhanced Annual Plan Outlay for the year 2007-08.